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SUBJECT:SMI/SFCP - SHIPMENT OF EQUIPMENT FOR AGNICAYANA
RITUAL FILMING

REF: STATE 277363 DECEMBER 18, 1974

1. SMI PLANNING TO SHIP AIR FREIGHT OR AIR POUCH 15 CASES,
500 - 600 LBS, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT,

FILM AND RECORDING TAPES, FOR USE ON THE SMITHSONIAN - SFCP-
SPONSORED PROJECT TO FILM THE LAST PERFORMANCE OF AN
AGNICAYANA RITUAL IN KERALA. DR. J. FRITS STAAL, UNIVERSITY
OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, IS THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
OF THE GOI-APPROVED PROJECT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED THROUGH
THE AIIS.

2. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN RECEIVING THE SHIPMENT AND MAKING
CUSTOMS CLEARANCES FOR THE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

ALL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES WILL BE USED AS TOOLS OF TRADE
AND WILL BE TAKEN FROM INDIA AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE

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PROJECT. A PACKING LIST WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS

AVAILABLE.

3. PACKAGES WILL BE CONSIGNED TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, NEW DELHI, INDIA, ATTENTION JAMES ROACH, CULTURAL COUNSELLOR. RETURN ADDRESS WILL BE SMITHSONIAN.

4. STAAL AND PHOTOGRAPHER ROBERT GARDNER ARRIVE IN NEW DELHI MARCH 25 TO COLLECT THE SHIPMENT. FILMING BEGINS THE LAST WEEK OF MARCH IN KERALA.

5. GRANT DOCUMENT AND DISBURSEMENT FOLLOW. KISSINGER

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